Religious

THE Pennsylvania State convention of the Methodist Episcopal courch will be held in Grace church. Harrisburg, October 22-25. Following is the programme: FIRST DAY, MONDAY, OCT. 22.

First Session-Evening. Temporary Organization.
Devotional Services.—Rev. S. II. Prather, Ph. D., Titusville.

Addresses of Welcome-On Part of the State,-Hon, William A. Stone, Governor of Penn-

burg. Rev. J. Wesley Hill, D. D. Harrisburg. On Part of the Methodism of Harrisburg. Rev. Ezra H. Yocum D. D., Harrisburg.

George P. Hukill, esq., Oil City. Rev. L. L. Sprague, D. D., Kings-Hon. Robert E. Pattison, ex-Governor of Pennsylvania, Philadel-

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, OCT. 23. Second Session-Morning. 100 a. m.-Devotional Services.-Rev. G. D. Pennepacker, D. D., Williamsport. Sermon—Bishop C. D. Foss, D. D., LL. D., Philadelphia. dministration of the Lord's Supper.

Report of Business Committee.

Permanent Organization. Topic-"Methodism in Pennsylvania." 2.30 p. m. - Devotional Services. - Rev. M. M. Sweeny, Ph. D., Bellevue. m .- "Its Rise and Development in Eastern Pennsylvania,"—Rev. T. B. Neely, D. D., LL. D., Philadelphia.

-Address.-Rev. H. C. Pardoe, D. D., 3.15 p. m.-"Its Rise and Development in Western Pennsylvania."—Rev. G. T. Reynolds, D. D., Indiana.

3.35 p. m .- Address .- Rev. R. N. Stubbs, D. D., Eric. 3.45 p. m.—Singing. 3.50 p. m.—"The Present Status of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pennsyl

vania."—Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh, D. D., Franklin. Charitable Institutions of 4.10 p. m .- "The Methodism in the State."—Rev. J. A. Lippincott, D. D., Philadelphia.

-Joseph A. Hudson, esq. Philadelphia, 4.40 p. m.—Discussion. Fourth Session—Evening. Topic-"The Twentieth Century Movement."

7.30 p. m.—Devotional Services.—Rev. F. B. Lynch, D. D., Philadelphia. 7.45 p. m.—Address—"Its Spiritual Aspects."— Rev. George E. Reed, D. D. LL. D., Carlisle. 8.35 p. m.-Address-"The Better Support

Conference Claimants.' M. Frysinger, D. D., Bloomsburg. THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24.

Fifth Session-Morning. Topic-"The Church and Reform," 9.00 a. m.-Devotional Services,-Rev. W. 1. Thorpe, D. D., Plymouth.

9.15 a. m.—"Political and Social Purity."Rev. S. M. Vernon, D. D., Phila-

9.35 a. m.—Address.—Rev. M. R. Webster, D. D., Bradford,

10.00 a. m .- "The Proper Attitude of Methodism Toward the Industrial Questions of the Day."-Rev. Wallace Mac-

Mullen, D. D., Philadelphia. 10.20 a. m.-Address,-Rev. A. Griffin, D. Pittstop. 10.30 a. m.-Discussion

10.45 a. m.-Singing.

10.50 a. m,-"Temperance and Prohibition,"-Rev. T. N. Boyle, D. D., LL, D., Crafton. 11.10 a. in.—Address.—D. W. McCurdy, esq. Clearfield.

11.20 a. m.—Discussion. 11.35 a. m.—Report of Business Committee.

Sixth Session-Afternoon.

2.50 p. m.—Devotional Services.—Rev. Gustav Bubeck (E. German Conference), Philladelphia.

"Woman's Work in the Local Churches."-Mrs. D. H. Hastings, Bellefonte. 2.00 p. m. "The Woman's Foreign Missionar, Society,"-Mrs.

Kingston. ss.-Mrs. T. H. Wilkenson Bellevue. m .- Address .- Mrs. M. L. Sheafer, Phila-

3.40 p. m.-Singing. 3.45 p. m .- "The Woman's Home Missionary So ciety."-Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Phillipsburg. 4.05 p. m.—Address.—Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Phila-

delphia. 4.15 p. m.—Address,—Miss Emma A. Fowler, Pittsburg. 4.25 p. m.—"The Deaconess Movement."—Re-Edwin C. Griffith, Philadelphia, 4.45 p. m.-Report of Business Committee. Seventh Session-Evening.

Topic-"Work Among the Young People, 7.30 p. m.—Devotional Services,—Rev. W. II Vard, B. S., Mainsburg. 7.45 p. m.—"Our Sunday School Work,"—Rev. Charles Roads, D. D., Philadel-

phia. 8.05 p. m.-Address,-F. W. Tunnell, esq., Germantown. 8.20 p. m.-Singing. Epworth League and Other

Young People's Societies."-R. F. Hopwood, esq., Uniontown, n,-Address.—Rev. R. H. Gilbert, Ber-

9.05 p. m.—Address.—Bishop C. D. Foss, D. D. L.L. D., : Philadelphia. FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, OCT. 25, Eighth Session-Morning. Topic-"Educational Forces."

m .- Devetional Services. - Rev. M. Hess Warren. 9.15 a. m.-"Our Church Seminaries and Academies."-Rev. E. J. Gray, D. D.,

Williamsport.
Our Church Colleges, "-Rev. W. II. Crawford, D. D., Meadyille, 9.55 a. m.—"The Model Minister."—Hon. Thomas II. Murray, Clearfield.

as H. Mirroy, C. M. W. W. 10.15 a. m.—Singing.
10.20 a. m.—"The Model Layman."—Rev. W. W. Evans. D. D., Sunbury.
10.40 a. m.—Discussion on the two Preceding Subjects. 11.00 a. m.—"The Literature of Methodism."—

Rev. C. W. Smith, D. D., LL. D.,

Pittsburg.

11.20 a. m.-Address, -C. H. Harding, esq. Philadelphia. 11. J a. m .- Report of Business Committee.

Ninth Session-Afternoon.
Topic-"The Courch at Work." 2.30 p. m. - Devotional Services - Rev. W. II. Reese, D. D., Condersport.

"Our Colored Membership in the State; Its Difficulties and Cor-Duty."—Rev. H. A. Monroe, D. D. (Delaware Conference), Philadelable

delphia.

8.05 p. m.—"City Evangelization."—John

James, M. D., Philadelphia.

8.25 p. m.—Address.—Hudson Samson, esq.,
Pittsburg. 8 40 p. m. - Discussio

4.00 p. m., "The Rural Church Problem." -Rev. James Mechem, D. D., Wilkins-4.20 p. m.—Address.—Rev. S. W. Thomas, D. D. Philadelphia.

4.30 p. m.—"Work Among the Foreign Popula-tion in the State."—Rev. S. W. Davis, Wilkinsburg.
4.50 p. m.—Address.—Rev. Emory M. Stevens, Huntingdon.

Tenth Seasion—Evening.

7.30 p. m.—Devotional Services.—Rev. R.
Randolph, D. D., New Castle.

7.45 p. m.—Address.—"Means and Methods

Promoting Genuine Revivals." Rev. C. M. Bosweil, D. D., Phila

10 p. m.-Address.-Rev. B. C. Conner, Har risburg. 15 p. m.—Address.—Rev. Appleton Bash, Ph D., Beaver, 10 p. m.—Address.—Rev. W. G. Hull, B. D., Mansfield.

.45 p. m.—Singing. .50 p. m.—Four Pive-Minutes Addresses on the Work of the Convention. 10 p. m .- Consecration Service.

The annual meeting of the Scranton Archdeaconry will be held in Christ church, Green Ridge, October 16 and 17. The programme includes the folowing: Tuesday morning: The Chrisian Threefold vow. A .- Renumeration by Rev. F. R. Bateman, of the Church f the Good Shepherd; B .- Fate, by Mr. J. N. Johnson, of Pittston: C .bedience, by Archdeacon Radeliff, of Harrisburg. On Wednesday morning service will be held at 10.30 o'clock, hen a sermon will be preached by Rev. George B. Bishop, of Great Bend. in the afternoon Archdeacon Coxe wil read the annual report and Rev. J. E. Braodhead, of Forest City, will explain Galatian, 1:24-25. In the evening the subject of missions will be discussed and addresses delivered as follows: "Missionary Motives," by Rev. E. A. Gernaut; "Heroism in Missions," Rev. Mr. Powell, of Wilkes-Barre; 'Living Epistles," by Rev. Dr. Jones, of Wilkes-Barre,

Among the most interesting Sabbath vening services in the Providence Presbyterian church, are the quarterly ymn and anthem services and praise orship. Such a service will be held in that church tomorrow evening. Two special features of that service of praise will consist in the fact that two nthems by the choir will be based on Psalms, one the 117th and the other the 29th. Professor Whittemore announces them as follows:

First-Psalm exvii, choral and soprano solo, arranged by Mr. Clifford Demarest, organist and choir master of he Collegiate Reformed church of New York, and of the Presbyterian church, Tenalfy, N. Y.

Second-Psalm xxix, chorale and fugue in E flat, arranged by Dudley Buck.

The hymns will be familiar ones in which the entire congregation can unite. The devotional services, inlusive of Scripture reading and reponses will be directed by the pastor of the church, Dr. Guild.

. . . The first of the series of evangelistic meetings to be held each Sunday afternoon this winter by the Young Men's Christian association will be held Sunday afternoon at 3.45 in their temporary rooms, in the Guernsey building, 516 North Washington avenue. The music will be under the direction of Professor Chance, and will comprise a cornet solo, "The Holy City," by W. H. Stanton, and a baritone solo, by D. W. Davis, formerly a singer in the Central Methodist Episcopal church of Wilkes-Barre, Brief addresses will be given by Secretary Mahy and Assistant Secretary Hanes, followed by an open meeting for prayer and testimony. Men are cordially invited to this service.

The fall meeting of the Wilkes-Barre conference of the Lutheran church will convene October 15, 16 and 17, in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Summit Hill. Pa. An unusually interesting programme has been arranged. Most of he pastors of the city will be in attendance, and some are on the programme for papers, Rev. C. G. Spieker, of Holy Trinity, will speak on Tuesday afternoon on the subject, "In How Far May a Lutheran Pastor Fellowship with Pastors of Other Denominations?" Rev. A. L. Ramer, of St. Mark's Lutheran church, will present the subject on Wednesray evening, "How Far Will the Mission Work in China Be Affected by Its Present Difficulties?"

There will be special gospel services at the cottage chapel, 1519 Pine street, between Prescott and Harrison avecommencing tomorrow evening at 7.30 o'clock, to continue until Saturday evening. A number of evangeists, both speakers and singers, are confidently expected to take part in the services. A special invitation is ex-tended to the people of the locality to ttend and all will be cordially welcomed. Rev. J. M. Howell will have general supervision during the meet-

Rev. Dr. Giffin will preach on Sunlay morning at Elm Park church to old people. All elderly people are invited to be present from whatever church or locality in the city they may ome. Carriages will be sent for the old ladies in the Home for the Friendless and also for other infirm persons. . . .

A regular meeting of the Methodist ninisters of Scranton and vicinity will e held in Elm Park church parlors Monday, October 15, at 10.30 o'clock, Speaker, S. J. Dorsey. Theme, "Pre-

Rev. H. P. East will read a paper at the Baptist pastors' conference in the Penn Avenue church Monday at 10.30. Subject, "Is Heaven a Place or a

Gospel meeting at the Young Women's Christian association at 3.45 p. m. All women and girls are invited.

Tomorrow's Services

Methodist Episcopal.

Elm Park church-Prayer and praise service at 9.50. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor. C. M. Giffin, D. D.; at 12 m. half hour Bible study in Sunday school room; Sunday school at 2 and Epworth league at 0.50 p. m. The morning sermon will be to old people. All such from any part of the city cordially invited. At the Mission, 1519 Pine street, Sunday school at 9 a.m.; Epworth league, 6:30 p. m. Simpson Methodiat Episcopal church—Rev. John B. Sweet, pastor. Morning prayers at 9:30; preaching service at 19:30, sermon by the pastor, subject, "Fixedness"; Sunday school, G. L. Peck, superintendent, at 12; Junior Epworth league, Miss Margaret Crawtord, president, at 12:30; Epworth league, W. Northup, president, at 2:30; Epworth league, W. Northup, president. 2.30; Epworth league, W. Northup, president, Miss Rachel Jones, leader, at 6.30; preaching service at 7.30, sermon by the pastor, subject, "Christ All a , in All." Free seats, good singing, helpful services. A cordial invitation. A hearty welcome.

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Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal churchRev. James Benninger, pastor, Preaching ser
Rev. James Benninger, Doing What One Can. Hampion Street Methodist Episcopal church—
Rev. James Benninger, paster. Preaching service at 10.30; subject, "Doing What One Can."
Class meeting at 11.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.;
Juniors at 3 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 kingdom, which course might have awakened

p. m., W. G. Cadwgan, leader. Evening preaching service at 7.30; subject, "Three Steps." A

cordial welcome to all.

Providence Methodist Episcopal church—The Brotherhood of St. Paul meets at 10 s. m.; preaching by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Curc. at 10.30, topic, "The Sweetest of Pleasures"; class meetings follow; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.45, topic, "Paul, the Missionary; the Secret of His Success"; subject of evening sermon, "Why Do I Believe That Jesus Is the Christ?"

Court Stead Methodist Processing Section 10 sec.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church-Rev. G. C. Lyman, pastor. Class, 9.45, O. D. DeWitt, icader; 10.30, Harvest Home service. The fruit and vegetables will be given to needy families; Sunday school rally, 11.45 a. m. It is desired that all members of the Sunday school be present; 3 p. m., devetional meeting of the Brother-hood of St. Paul, all men are invited; Epworth league, 6.30; preaching, 7.30, Seats free, All are welcome,

Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev.

J. R. Austin, pastor, Morning prayers at 10 o'clock; sermon at 10,00 a, m., subject, "Prayer"; class meeting at 11,30, J. E. Masters, leader; Sunday school at 2 p. m., E. W. Stone, superintendent; Epworth league at 6,45 p. m.; even ing preaching service at 7,30. Scats free and a cordial invitation to all, Nay Aug Methodist Episcopal church—Sunday

school at 2,30 p. m., W. M. Nixon, superintendent; class meeting at 3,30 p. m., Frank Turner, der. An evangelistic service at 7.30 p. n All welcome.

Doty, pastor. Brotherhood of St. Paul, 9.45 a. m.; preaching, 10.39 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Junior league, 3.30 p. m.; Epworth league, 6.30 p. m.; preaching, evening, 7.30, First German Methodist Episcopal church, Adams avenue and Vine street-G. Bobilin, pastor. Preaching services, 10.30 a, m, and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at noon; Enworth league meeting at 7 c'clock, p. m.; prayer meeting c

Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist church-Preaching at 10.30 and 7.30 by the paster, Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce. Topic of morning sermon, "Life's Resting Places." Sunday school at 2 o'clock at the home church and at 3.30 at the American mission. Topic of evening sermon, "Modern Masterpieces." First Baptist church, South Main avenue—S. F. Mathews, paster. Parsonage, 1114 Rock street. The usual service, morning and evening, at 11.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., in the basement of the Welsh Baptist church. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m., Plymouth church, Dr. Beddoe, superintendent. B. Y. P. U. service, 6.20 p. m., at Iver-Missionary prayer meeting Wednesday

evening, 7.30 o'clock. All are welcome. Jackson Street Baptist church-Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., pastor. Morning prayer meet 10.30 preaching by the paster. Sunday school at 2 p. m., Alfred Roberts, superintendent. Evening service at 7 sharp. Fraise service, followed by a short address. Topic, "Needed Preparation of Heart for the Respening of Our Church." The Lord's supper will be administered at the close of service. The public are cordially invited.

Green Ridge Baptist church-Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Choir prayer meeting at 10 preaching by the paster at 10.30 and 7.30, subject "Every Man a Bankrupt"; the evening, "The Death of a Saint"; Sunday chool at 11.45; meeting of the Junior society at 3.30; prayer meeting of the Senior society at

Blakely church-Rev. David Spencer, D. D., will preach at 10.30 a. m. on "Beauty for Ashes"; Bible school., 11.45; B. V. P. U., 6.45 p. m. At 7.30 the pastor will begin a series of four Sunday evening sermons on "The Prodigal Son." First subject, "The Prodigal's Departure." Everybody

Shiloh Baptist church, Center street-Preaching morning and evening by Rev. James A. Sin-elair, of Philadelphia. Morning sermon, "The Duty of Christians to Success;" evening, "Love and How to Be Loved."

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian church-Divine worship at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the morn-ing. Dr. McLeod will officiate both morning and

Second Presbyterian church-Services at 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m. Communion of the Lord's Supper in the morning. In the evening Dr. Robinson will preach on "The Faithful Witness." All are cordially invited.

another, from one theme to another. He had no abiding city, neither did he have any one

line of thought upon which He discoursed. As He moved about among men He allowed them to

thrust in upon Him without notice any question or remark at their pleasure, and He replied, al-

never surprised, never unable to give answer or

to afford instruction. This occasional and inci-dental method was the severest possible test upon

His ability. No more man could endure it and come forth without mistake. Most men pre-

meditate and arrange their thoughts, and in our times the most gifted ministers and lectures re-

duce everything they say to writing, unwilling to trust themselves to the hour of their ser-vice. Our lesson today contains a passage that

belongs to the spontaneous discourse of Jesus and reveals His skill.

OCCASION.—While sitting at meat in the house of a Phatisee on the Sabbath day (ch. xiv:1), Jesus was speaking on the subject of humility (Verses 7-11) mentioning two instances, somewhat related, a wedding and a feast,

es, somewhat related, a wedding and a feast, in which that excellent virtue might properly be exercised (Prov. xv: 23). One of those sitting at the table at the time, thrust in a remark quite foreign to the subject in hand. We have no means of knowing the name or mo-

tive of this person, and the more one studies words the greater will the surprise be at the

were present (Verse 1) those who were watching

Him with an evil eye. It is more probable that the man was a friend, that he believed

what he said. He may have reached the con-clusion by a series of reflections, partly upon

what had just been spoken, partly upon former utterances of Jesus (Matt. viii: 11), for the ad-dresses were so wonderful as to make a deep

impression, causing a frequent and wide repeti-tion. A sudden outburst, breaking in upon the Master's teaching must have awakened surprise.

BLESSEDNESS .- A great truth was uttered by

George E. Guild, D. D. The sacraments of the Lord's Supper and baptism and reception of mem-bers at the 10,30 a. m. service. Quartely hymn and anthem worship at 7,30 p. m.; Sunday school and anthem worship at 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; Endeayor meeting at 6.30 p. m.

Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Rev. I. J.
Lansing, pastor; Rev. L. R. Poster, assistant.
At 10.30 and 7.30 services of worship, with sermon by the pastor; 12, Bible school; 6.30,
Christian Endeayor. All are welcome.

Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, corner Sumner avenue and Price street.—Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 6 p. m. by Rev. Frank J. Mil-man. Morning theme. "Simplicity of Life;" evening, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Sabbath school at 2 p. m.; Y. P. S. of C. E., 7 o'clock. Meeting of prayer and praise Wednes day evening, 7.45 o'clock. All cordially invited.

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev.

John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor. Services at 10.00 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6.20 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7,30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning on 'The Good Shepnerd" and in the evening on "The Value of a Special music. All welcome. Adams Avenue Chapel, New York street-Rev

m. All are welcome to these assions

Sunday school at 3 o'clock, Mr. Chandler,

Reformed Episcopal. Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming evenue, below Mulberry street-Rev. George L. pastor. Prayer and praise service, a. m.; livine worship, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., preaching by the pastor, a. m., "Living in and on Christ," John 12: 1-4: p. m., "Bondsmen of Christ," Rom. 1:1: Sabbath school at 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m. Seats free, All

Evangelical Lutheran.

Evangelical Lutheran-Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, Gospel, Matthew, xxii, 34-36; Epistle, I Corinthians, i, 4-9. St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets— Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Luther league, 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 13 m. Morning subject, 'Enriched in the Knowledge of Christ;" "Sin Is the Transgression of the Law."

Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Luther league, 6.30 Sunday school, 12 m. Mission band, Sat-St. Paul's, Short avenue-Rev. W. C. L. Lauer funday school, 2,30 p. m.

Zion's, Mifflin avenue—Rev. P. F. Zizelmann, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school, Rev. James Witke, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7,30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. St. Peter's Prescott avenue-Rev. J. W. Raurolph, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m. Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod, corner Madison avenue and Mul-berry street-Rev. Luther Hess Waring, pastor. 9.20 a. m. Sunday school; 10.30 a. m., divine worship, subject of sermon, "Every Christian to Be a Saviour of Men"; 6.45 p. m., Christian Endeavor society; 7.30 p. m., divine worship, topic, "The Supremacy of the Master's Word," Every-

Miscellaneous.

All Soul's Universalist church, Pine street be tween Adams and Jefferson avenues -Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pastor. Residence, 620 Adams avenue. Morning service, 10.30; subject, "What Think You?" Evening service, 7.30; subject, "Second Death," Sunday school at 11.30, Mrs. S. Benjamin, superintendent. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the

Zion United Evangelical church, 1420 Capouse avenue. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Messinger, at 10.45 a. in. and 7.30 p. m., subfeets, "Emblems of the Spirit" and "Christ's Gifts'; Sunday school at 9.45 a. m.; Keystone League Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Seats free. Strangers invited. All welcome Calvary Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street-Rev. M. L. Finn, pastor. Services

m. Everybody

Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p. m. Everybody welcome. Morning subject,
"What Think Ye of Christ?"

avente—Sunday services 13-30 a. m. and 7.80 p. m. Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; subject, "Pro-bation After Death." Testimonial meetings Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. The church is also open every day during the week. The Bible and all Christian Science literature is kept in its free public reading room. "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mar-Baker Eddy, will be loaned to investigate with Visitors and letters of inquiry are welcomed and given courteous attention and in formation free.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

One of the new Conervatory teachers Mr. Huffmaster, besides being a fine planist, is an excellent organist, and was a favorite pupil of George E. Whiting, of Boston, the eminent organist of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, where Mr. Huffmaster frequently played at Christmas and Easter, leaving Mr. Whiting free to direct the orchestra and chorus. It happens that James Hughes, paster. Mr. George Parsons will preach in the morning at 10,30 and the pastor, Mr. Hughes, will preach in the evening at 7,30; Mr. Huffmaster, although a resident of Boston for several years as student and teacher at the Faelton Planoforte school, formerly made his home in illfated Galveston, where his father and mother narrowly escaped being carried away in the terrible flood. On account of the great suffering still existing in Galveston, Mr. Huffmaster desires to do something to assist his fellow townsmen, and will give an organ recital in the near future in Elm Park church, which has been freely opened to him, when he will be assisted by vocal talent. Mr. Pennington, who has heard Mr. Huffmaster at the organ, speaks very highly of his work. The admission to the recital will be a "silver" offering, but the appeal from Galveston for aid is enough to call forth a generous offering of bills of large denomination, every cent of which will be sent to the Galveston relief committee.

The following musical selections will be rendered at Elm Park church tomorow under the direction of J. Alfred Pennington, organist and choir master MORNING.

Selo Selected
Organ, Postlude in D Bach
EVENING.

The recital given by the Conservatory of Music last Tuesday evening had an audience which took up standing room and extended into the corridor. The recital was notable in the fact that after the students had played the three members of the planoforte faculty appeared in solos. Mr. Pennington gave a splendid rendition of a Mozart planoforte concerto, with second and third plano accompaniments by Miss French and Mr. Huffmaster Miss French played most charmingly the Gipsy dance by Chaminade and Mr. Huffmas ter gave a spirited performance of the difficult impromptu in C sharp minor, by Rheinhold. Miss French and Mr Hoffmaster are new additions to the faculty this season, but they have already created a most satisfactory impresison by their ability as planists and teachers, as well as socially.

The last surviving member of the First Church of Christ (Scientist), 510 Adams duke of Tuscany, has just committed

J. E. Gilbert, D.D

Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

this month. The second week of next month he has charge of the Wayne ounty Teachers' institute music.

Mr. Philip Brozel, who sang the

concert, to be given some time next month at the Lyceum, if an open date can be secured. Among the selec-tions comprising an unusually fine programme, will be given Wagner's 'Ride of the Valkyries," and the eighty-seventh anniversary of grand overture to "Robespierre," by Littolp, concluding with the seillaise" hymn. Mr. Bauer and his previous performances.

Mme. Schumann-Heink, contralto and Miss Leonora Jackson, violinist, gave a very enjoyable concert at Car legie hall, New York, last Thursday afternoon. Miss Jackson was heard last May in Wilkes-Barre, and created very favorable impression.

Sousa and his band will give their inal concert at the Metropolitan Opera fouse on Sunday evening. His lates march, entitled "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty," which was composed for the Paris Exposition, will be played.

mining the time in which a piece of music should be sung. On one occasion a woman singer in high esteem a court had been appointed to sing one of Haydn's compositions. At the rehearsal she and the conductor differed as to the time of music. The matter was to be settled by referring it to Haydn himself. When called on to de cide he asked the conductor if the singer was handsome. "Very," was the reply, "and a special favorite with the court," "Then she is right." replied Haydn.

John Philip Sousa has returned to America from his trip abroad, after having achieved his great ambition of taking his band to the musical centers of Europe. He is more than gratified success of his tour, although it is said that it actually cost him \$10, 600. Sousa does not grudge the sum however, for it has established his reputation in Europe. His sense of jus-tice is shown by his action at Mannheim, where, after a long day's ride from Paris, and a large part of the band having been lost on the way, Sousa found that the instruments were stalled somewhere on the railroad. To appease the wrath of the manager of the opera house he wrote out a check

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suicide at Milan. There-seems to have been a species of suicidal mania in the Rossini family, for the elderly lady who hurled herself to death from a fourth-floor window the other day at Milan, was the ninth member of the family to commit suicide.

The following programme will be rendered in the Second Presbyterian hurch Sunday evening:

Organ Prelude, "Meditation,"Gulb Choir Response, quintette, "O Lamb of God," Misses Black, Garagan and Salmon, Messrs. Gippel and Morgan.

Anthem, "O Love the Lord," Quartette and Choir Sabbath School. Orchestra Selection . Solo, Selected,Miss Anna Salmon

The Pittsburg Dispatch has the folowing in reference to a well-known Scranton musician: "Professor Daniel Protheroe, of Milwaukee, has just reurned from England, whither he went o act as an adjudicator at the Royal National eisteddfod at Liverpool. He is the only person not a resident of Great Britain who has ever been asked to fill that position. One of his compositions, a chorus for female voices, was a test piece at the eistedfod."

The International College of Music is o give a series of piano recitals and musical sorices, commencing Oct. 23 and continuing throughout the entire college year of ten months. One con ert each month. The students of the college will entertain the music-loving public with a fine program of plane seections, violin solos, recitations in elocution, plano and violin selections, seections on mandolin, etc.

After a severe attack of typhoid fever. Mr. Watkins is able to be out again and can be seen at his studio family of Rossini, the composer of all of next week, when he will re-"William Tell," and other popular sume his teaching. The large number operas, and who was invested with the title of count by the last grand on account of his illness, he will be pleased to meet at his studio during

Ae the recent Maine Musical Festival, conducted by W. R. Chapman, the great Welsh baritone, Mr. Ffrangeon Davies, in the part of "Elijah" gave the part with such dramatic force and fervor that the vast audience was greatly moved, the critics claiming that the part was never given before with such intensity of expression.

Mr. John T. Watkins is soon to be a very busy teacher. Besides his large number of pupils, he will conduct the music at the Lackawanna county Teachers' institute the last week of this month. The second week of next

eading tenor roles in "Tannhauser." Romeo and Juliet" and "Mignon" last week at the Metropolitan Opera House. New York city, is a personal acquaintance of Mr. John T. Watkins, having for \$1,200. Nearly every continental met him at the R. A. M., London, of which institution Mr. Brozel was a with a civic flag and Frankfort sent a

Haydn had a peculiar way of deter-

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city which he visited presented him delegation to London to present him personally with a magnificent banner Bauer's band are rehearsing for their from that municipality just before he sailed for America.

Verdi, that "Grand Old Man" of the music world, celebrated on Wednesday (in his villa at St. Agate, Italy,) the birth. Sixty-one years have elapsed since his initial opera, "Oberto," was sung in Milan, and after his wonderful band are making efforts to out-do all series of twenty-seven operas it would not surprise the world to receive any day a twenty-eighth in the shape of the much rumored and much denied setting of Shakespeare's "Tempest," for which Boito is said to have written the libretto. As has been truly said, only a blind admiration of the past could refuse a place among the Tirans to this extraordinary maestro. In this twilight of his life the kindly composer is erecting a Home for Superannuated Italian Artists of all classes. It is being constructed outside the Gate Magenta, at Milan, and will shelter one hundred inmates. As a monument to Verdi's fame this institution will almost rival his world-famous music.

The Metropolitan English Grand Opera company produced "Carmen" on Monday, with Zelie De Lussan as Carmen, this being the first time she has ever sung the role in English. She was wholly satisfactory in the part, both vocally and dramatically, and is only excelled by Calve. "Trovatore" was sung Tuesday, and "Lohengrin" Wednesday, with Philip Broezel in the title role, and these operas were repeated during the balance of the week. Miss Minnie Tracey, an American girl who has made a reputation abroad, but who has not yet sung in this country, has arrived from Europe and will shortly make her appearance in "Aida." These performances are giving the music-loving public an opportunity to hear the best known operas at very moderate cost, and are also affording some American singers an opening which it would be difficult for them to obtain in any other way.

Would Do His Best.

"Couldn't I be squeezed in there somehow?"
asked the pretty girl, as she vainly sought ontrance to the crowded car.

"If you can get in, I have one arm free," anchaimed a young man in the center of the car.

And the conductor rang siz "go-shead" agnals on the fare register.—Bultimore American.

Sunday School Lesson for October 14.

Parable of the Great Supper

Luke xiv. 15-24.

Parable of the Great Supper. By that illustra-tion He affected a union between the man's thought and His own prior thought, the act of an adroit teacher. The supper, as described by Jesus, had two features designed to set it forth as an important event in the mind of an oriental. There were many guests, and they ways with directness and simplicity, and He was were invited a considerable time in advance The numbers indicated the wealth of the host, and the time allowed for preparation indicated that the guests were to be of a high order. This supper represents the plenteous provision made for the souls of men (Zech. x; 17), in the re-demption of Christ (Prov. ix: 1-2). The early invitation denotes the promises and prophecies (Isa. xxv. 6), made all through the old dispensa-

calls of John the Baptist and by the early evan-gelists (Mark 1: 2-3). EXCUSES.-The parable represents that the persons invited to this supper, presented no plea at first, leaving the impression that they intended to accept. During the day's following while the provision was being made by the host, no one declined. At last, when all was ready, the house in order and the feast prepared (Matt. xxii: 4), the servant went forth saying It was as then that with one consent, as if there had been a mutual understanding to offer intendout by something omitted from the marrative.

Others think he was a secret enemy, desiring to entangle Jesus and prepare for the charge of treason, on which He was subsequently arraigned (Luke xxiii: 2). Some support for this last thought is found in the fact that there were present (Verse I) those who were watching to great the must prove a proper for the second of the fact that there were present (Verse I) those who were watching to offer intended ed insult, that all began to make excuses (Psalm xx: 13). To make matters still worse they presented no apology for delay, or any adequate from the fact that there is a piece of ground which he had recently purpose the properties of the prope ed insult, that all began to make excuses (Psalm x: 13). To make matters still worse they prea yoke of oxen. delayed without loss. A third urged that hav-ing married he must remain at home, a foolish pretense. This element of the parable is intended to show how lightly men esteem the things of religion, how easily they thrust aside the most important spiritual concerns for the most trivial temporalities. The carnal is at enmity with God (Bom. viii: 7).

BLESSIDSISS.—A great truth was aftered by this unknown person, when He said "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God." The angel declared substantially the same to John in the Island of Patmos (Rev. xix: 9). The blinds the eye to the glories of the next world. master of the feast was greatly offended because master of the feast was greatly offended because of the contemptuous conduct of those whom he had invited. Most of them were neighbors, some of them were friends, all of them belonging to his rank and station. They had disregarded the common courtesies of social life and exposed him to ridicule. He therefore determined to change the character of the feast. Instead of making a recognition of the feast. John in the Island of Patmos (Rev. xix: 9). The modern church has taken up the expression, giving it a large place in literature. By it believes now understand that communion which they enjoy one with another (John i: 13), the eating of bread being a symbol of fellowship, and the kingdom of God representing the spiritual nousebold, all of which was included in the celebration of the Lord's supper in the apostolic church (I Cor. x: 10). But it is not probable that the speaker on this core—n had any such lofty ideas. He could not have obtained them from the word of Jesu, who had not yet delivered the parable of the King's son (Matt. xx: 2), or the maimed, the half, and the blind. Such a feast was by no means common in the pre-Christian centuries, for men had not learned the nobler lessons of disintersted good will toward the unfortunate. But here and there among the Jews, and occasionally among the heathen, a parable of the King's son (Matt. xx: 2), or the speech consenting the thrones (Luke xxii: 30), in which such thoughts were involved. Even the aposites held sordid views of the kingdom, Jews, and occasionally among the heathen, a man would condescend to this praiseworthy act, the aposites held sordid views of the kingdon, as a temporal affair, in which they sought preferment (Luke xx. 24), and were therefore incapable of apprehending the higher spiritual enjoyments. It is safe to assume that the man was thinking how fortunate one would be in the kingdom of Christ if the principle of Christ were applied to feats. deriving satisfaction and honor therefrom, this change in the spirit of the host, Jesus tended to illustrate the free grace of God

COMPULSION .- The servant went out into the

tion by which the people were expected to make ready (Jer. xxxi: 14) and renewed by the

and self-sufficiency are incompatible with the humiliation and faith of the Gospel. Inordi-nate attachment to the objects of this world

GUESTS.-The parable represents that the making a recognition of the more honorable por-tion of the community, he proposed to convert it into a charity affair, to invite the poor, the tended to illustrate the free grace of God in making a tender of undeserved blessings through the Gospel of His son. The proclamation of salvation is to all who are in need(Isa.iv: 1). Not the prophets only, but Jesus as well (Matt. xi: 28), and the apostles after Him (James ii: 5), all directed their chief thought and effort toward those who were in trouble.

INTRODUCTION.—In the ministry of Josus mothing of its outward feature was more remarkable than the sudden transitions. He passed frequently, indeed constantly, from one place to another, from one theme to another. He had no sphilling edge, possible that the sudden transitions. He passed frequently indeed constantly, from one place to another, from one theme to another. He had no sphilling edge and the passed of the sudden transitions. The passing of the sum of the sudden transitions are proposed in the sudden transitions. He passed the proposed in the sudden transitions are proposed in the sudden transitions. He passed the proposed in the passed in the sudden transitions. He passed the proposed in the passed that the passed in the passed in the passed in the passed that the passed in the p xxvi: 11) could desire nothing more than a table bountifully supplied with food. The mainter and halt, shunned by all as divinely afflicted and the blind, popularly esteemed (John ix: 2) to be sinners or the sons of sinners, denied rec ognition, outcast and forsaken, could regard themselves highly favored by this call to the house of the rich. But even these were meas ureably indifferent, when accosted and invited to the supper. The servant returned to say that he had been only partially successful, that while some came, the guest chamber was not full. It became necessary for the host to re sort to the most earnest efforts. "Go ou quickly into the highways and hedges and com-pel them to come in," he said. Use every proper and reasonable method in the most urgent man-ner to obtain guests. This was the extreme aspect of the parable. It showed that men

were reluctant to accept Christ, even when by

were reluctant to accept Carist, even when by so doing they might obtain the very things which they long most of all to possess. It rep-resented that protracted, diligent (Psalm exvi: 6), and self-sacrificing effort which ministers must make if they would win the souls of men REJECTION.—The climax of the parable was reached in the last feature. The character of the feast had been changed. From a social recognition of those entitled to honor, it had become a gratuitous offer to those who had no claim for attention; from a mark of regard for mark of the second of the s equals and friends it was converted into a dis-play of kindness to inferiors. And those in-feriors were on such a low plane that they were scarcely able to appreciate the proffered favor. The rich man has gone begging among heggans for guests. Now comes the sequel to the atory. The host declares to his servant thar because of the shameful treatment which he has received none of those will be admitted who were received none of those will be admitted who were first invited. They were to be totally and permanently excluded (Prov. 1: 24-25), and that fact was made the ground for urging the servant to diligence. The exclusion of one class made it more necessary to seek another class. Primarily this part of the narrative refers to the rejection of the Jews, and in the bringing in of the Gentiles (Actsxiii : 46). It is ausceptible, however, of a more extended application. All who have heard the Gospel and turned a deaf car may remember that the day of mercy will end, and that a permanent rejection awaits them (Matt. xxv: 41).

tion awaits them (Matt. xxv: 41). CONCLUSION .-- This parable exhibits the range intensity of divine love. Beginning with highest and noblest, it sweeps downward the highest and noblest, it sweeps downward along all the grades of men until it reaches the lowest and the basest. For each and for all the has amply provided, and to each He sends a most cordial invitation (Rev. iii: 20). None are excluded except those who refuse His call. But knowing the hardness of men's hearts, the decitfulness of riches and the allurements of pleasure. He laws upon Mis provides the pleasure. He lays upon His ministers the sol-emn task of soul-seeking. He requires them to be very diligent and importunate, using a holy compulsion in the performance of their mission. "Go quickly," is His command. No time is to "Go quickly," is His command. No time is to be lost. Go everywhere, wherever souls are to be found, in the highways and in the byways. To stimulate them in their going, to make their words hot with consuming zeal, to awaken the ichargy of those who are in carnal security. He lifts up a warning. The awful fact must be kept in mind that a relected invitation means a rejected heaven (Matt. xxv. 46), takion means a rejected heaven (Matt. xxv. 46). Oh, how tamely men preach? How carelessly men hear? How wickedly men procrustinate? How foolishly multitudes refuse Him that speaketh (Heb. xii: 35).